



Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children

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## General Conference Information

The ORAEOYC Early Childhood Conference strives to:

- Provide educational opportunities and resources to those who work with and on behalf of young children and families. Promote inclusive attitudes and practices and to support awareness of diversity issues.
- Support partnerships, networking and collaboration between educators, families, providers, schools, agencies and the community.
- Provide an engaging high quality learning experience with sessions designed for professionals who are emerging; established and experienced.

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**Program Changes:** Workshop changes and cancellations will be posted at the Registration Table. Please check for updates throughout the conference. While we make every effort to minimize these changes, they are unavoidable, and we ask for your understanding. We will have a sticky dot board to assist you in finding an alternative choice.

**Workshop Titles & Descriptions:** Workshop titles and descriptions are written by the workshop presenters. Therefore, they should reflect the content of the session. While ORAEOYC entertains and accepts differences of opinion, we do not necessarily endorse the products or views expressed by speakers. ORAEOYC urges conferees to contact individual presenters about any concerns and objections they may have about products, services, or practices.

**Workshop Capacity:** Workshops may be full. We ask that you not attend a workshop that you are not scheduled for. Presenters have been given the number of participants to expect and have made activities and handouts based upon that number. If you wish to change a workshop, please come to the registration table first to see if there are openings for that particular session. Please honor the Closed Session signs.

**Personal Comfort:** The heating and cooling of individual rooms is not always able for us to control. We encourage you to dress comfortably and in layers to accommodate your personal thermostats.

**Exhibits:** While ORAEOYC entertains and accepts differences of opinion, we do not necessarily endorse the products or views expressed by our vendors. ORAEOYC urges conferees to contact individual exhibitors about any concerns and objections they may have about products, services, or practices. The Association also encourages that conferees extend their compliments to presenters/and or exhibitors whom they feel have provided a product or presentation of exceptional quality. We are always excited to bring a variety of vendors to our conferences. Please support these businesses and visit often. They generously donate items for our door prizes and are here to support you in your work with young children, families and the community.

**Meals:** A light breakfast snack with coffee/tea is available each morning. Boxed lunch on Friday and Saturday are included in your conference registration. Please select your choice on your registration form. We will identify your selection on your nametag. Boxed lunches include a sandwich or salad choice, kettle chips, cookie and water bottle. **If you have dietary restrictions**, you may want to supply your own food and snacks. You may want to provide an afternoon snack for yourself as the conference runs till 4:45pm.



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All Boxed lunches include your sandwich or salad choice, kettle chips, cookie and water bottle.

- Garden Salad: Mixed lettuce greens topped with cucumber, carrot, tomato, red onion, bell pepper & croutons. Chicken optional. Variety of dressings available.
- Spinach Salad: Tossed with red bell peppers, shaved onions, carrots and goat cheese. Chicken optional. Variety of dressings available.
- Roasted Turkey Sandwich: Sliced oven browned turkey breast with pesto aioli, marinated onions, provolone cheese, sliced tomatoes & red bell peppers on ciabatta
- Tuscan Vegetable Sandwich: Roasted red peppers, grilled asparagus, romaine, tomatoes, red onion and pesto aioli on ciabatta
- Curry Chicken Sandwich: House made curry chicken salad; yogurt curry dressing with celery and diced water chestnuts, topped with lettuce and tomato on freshly made bread
- Chicken Caesar Wrap: Grilled chicken breast, parmesan, diced tomatoes, romaine lettuce tossed with Caesar dressing in a spinach wrap
- Manhattan Roast Beef Wrap: Sliced roast beef, blue cheese crumbles, caramelized onions, roasted red peppers, herb aioli and mixed greens in a flour wrap.

**Attendance:** No person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, unlawfully be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any activities performed pursuant to the conference or as an ORAIEYC member.

**Photo Release:** Any photos or videography taken at the conference by ORAIEYC (or agent of the Affiliate) may be used in future conference collateral, appearing either in printed documents, video productions, or on the ORAIEYC website and face book pages. We appreciate your consent to use these photos for the purpose of sharing and promoting the conference. Submission of your conference registration form to ORAIEYC acknowledges acceptance of these terms and provisions of registration.

**Parking:** Parking is **free** and abundant at the college. Visit our website or Mt. Hood Community College site for maps.

**Cell Phones:** For the respect of our presenters and attendees, we ask that you silence your cell phone during the keynote and workshop sessions. Cell phone service might be limited for some inside the building.

**Membership Lounge:** ORAIEYC will host a membership/members "lounge" with some refreshments and additional perks for Members. Members who visit will receive a Member Appreciation gift and the opportunity to be a part of our members only raffle! If you are not currently a member of NAEYC/ORAEYC, and would like to get in on the GREAT value and benefits of membership, visit the membership lounge for information. Don't miss out!

**Conference Evaluation:** Please take a moment to complete our conference survey located in your conference folder. We value your comments and want to hear from you!

**Reporting Concerns:** If you come across a situation or issue, please bring it to our attention- we cannot address it if don't know about it! Please find an ORAIEYC representative at the Registration or ORAIEYC Membership "lounge" to report the problem.



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## 12 Tips for a Successful Conference

1. Register early and save (Early Bird Registration ends April 10, 2018)
2. A light breakfast and lunch are included with your conference fee, but we may not be able to accommodate your specific dietary needs so please plan accordingly. Bring snacks and water.
3. Bring a sweater and dress in layers! We have no control over heating and cooling, so it is best to prepare for both warm and cool rooms.
4. Please note that we ask that cell phones be turned off or on vibrate during the conference. Let the important people in your life know that you may not be able to reach them until after sessions or at scheduled breaks.
5. Bring pen and paper. While handouts are available at most sessions, many participants like to take additional notes they feel will help them once back at work.
6. Network, network, network! Sometimes you learn a lot from talking to different agencies and participants and discover how they put different techniques into practice.
7. Take advantage of the SOU graduate and undergraduate credit option.
8. Become an active participant, asking questions and making comments. The topics will take on new life for you. Be open to new ideas.
9. There are inevitable hiccups at any conference, so adopt a Zen-like attitude: roll with the last minute changes and always remember to have fun.
10. Pay it forward. The insights you gained at the conference are likely to be useful for your team, so make sure to set aside time to pass on what you learned. Whether it's sharing at your next staff meeting or writing an email or post to document the most valuable information, proactively sharing information will help your colleagues do better work while establishing you as a leader on your team.
11. Get even more out of your experience by joining in on the conversations via social media. Follow ORAEYC on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram and use #ECEWins and #ORAEYC
12. Don't forget your wallet. Visit the many vendors and resource tables for resources and materials for your families, classroom, program or personal uses!